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August 30, 2011

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Los Angeles, California 90012

33 August 30, 2011

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD OF VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS  
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF ALTADENA,  
CITRUS (COVINA ISLANDS), CITY TERRACE, AND VALINDA  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1 AND 5)  
(3 VOTES)**

### SUBJECT

This action is to award public works construction contracts and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute contracts for work in the unincorporated communities of Altadena, Citrus (Covina Islands), City Terrace, and Valinda.

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to prepare the construction contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel, execute the contracts, and establish the effective dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds and insurance filed by the contractor for the following:

- Project ID No. RDC0015110 – Woodbury Road at Fair Oaks Avenue, et al., to modify traffic signals including video detection, signal standards, mast arms, signal heads, conduit, and conductors and replace illuminated street name signs with retroreflective street name signs, in the unincorporated communities of Altadena and City Terrace, to C. T. & F., Inc., in the amount of \$96,757.66.
- Project ID No. RDC0015662 – Arrow Highway Landscape Improvements, et al., to landscape roadway medians including planting of trees, shrubs, and groundcover; plant vines along the existing walls; construct curb and gutter, curb ramps, sidewalk, and colored pavement; and install drainage structures and an automatic irrigation system, in the unincorporated communities of Citrus (Covina

Islands) and Valinda, to Pima Corporation, dba Advanced Construction, in the amount of \$424,866.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval from your Board to award these construction contracts and authorize the Director of Public Works (Director) or her designee to execute the contracts and establish the effective contract dates following receipt of approval Faithful Performance and Labor and Materials Bonds and insurance filed by the contractors for each of these projects.

On June 7, 2011, and May 31, 2011, Agenda Items 41 and 53, respectively, your Board approved the projects, adopted the plans and specifications, called for bids to be received on July 7, 2011, and June 28, 2011, and instructed the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise the project.

The project description, call for bids and bid opening dates, tabulation of bids, and financial information are included in the enclosure for each respective project. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposals for each project are also enclosed.

The recommended construction contracts are necessary to execute Board directed and approved Department of Public Works (Public Works) projects in support of operational missions. Your Board's approval of the recommended contract awards and the subsequent execution of the contracts will ensure the timely completion of the projects.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). Awarding these contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public and will enhance the quality of life in the affected communities.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

These actions will have no impact to the County General Fund.

The enclosure for each project includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate, the other bids received, and more detailed fiscal and financial information.

Sufficient funds for Project ID No. RDC0015110 are included in the First and Fifth Supervisorial Districts' Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Road Fund Budget.

Sufficient funds for Project ID No. RDC0015662 are included in the First Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Road Fund Budget.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The contract agreements will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel. The recommended contracts were solicited on an open competitive basis and are in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and County requirements. The contractors are in compliance with the Chief Executive Officer's and your Board's requirements.

The award of the contracts will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. These contracts contain terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County of Los Angeles' (County) Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; Local Business Enterprise Preference Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.204; and the standard Board directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure the contracts are awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by each respective contractor was considered before making this recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

Each of these projects was found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time your Board called for bids. The specifics of these findings are included in the enclosure for each project.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

The contracts were solicited on an open-competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the State Public Contract Code.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and

health plans for each employee.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, these projects were listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

Public Works will review and approve the Faithful Performance and payment bonds filed by the contractors.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

These contract will result in improve public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is schedules.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)  
County Counsel  
Department of Human Resources  
Executive Office

AWARD OF CONTRACT  
August 30, 2011

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0015110 – Woodbury Road at Fair Oaks Avenue, et al. (in the unincorporated communities of Altadena and City Terrace), Supervisorial Districts 1 and 5

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: June 7, 2011 (Agenda Item 41)

BID OPENING DATE: July 7, 2011

TYPE OF WORK: Modification of traffic signals including video detection, signal standards, mast arms, signal heads, conduit, and conductors; replacement of illuminated street name signs with retroreflective street name signs; and the performance of other appurtenant work.

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*C. T. & F., Inc. 7228 Scout Avenue Bell Gardens, California 90201-4998 (562) 927-2339	\$ 96,757.66
2	Sully-Miller Contracting	\$ 97,809.00
3	JFL Electric, Inc.	\$ 98,540.80
4	Flatiron Electric Group, Inc.	\$106,598.00
5	Republic Intelligent Transportation Services, Inc.	\$109,455.00
6	Freeway Electric	\$113,211.00
7	California Professional Electrical Engineering	\$114,970.00
8	Steiny and Company, Inc.	\$118,099.00

\*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate including the Consultant Services Agreement	\$128,015.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$ 96,757.66
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 31,257.34

The amount of the recommended contract is 24 percent below the estimate.

This project will be administered under the Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program covered by Agreement No. 76078 with the State of California. Under this program, Federal-Aid Grant funds will be used to finance 90 percent of the qualifying

costs. The total project cost is estimated to be \$299,500. This project is included in the First and Fifth Supervisorial Districts' Road Construction Programs in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

C. T. & F., Inc., is an MWBE contractor.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On June 7, 2011, Agenda Item 41, your Board found this project categorically exempt.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

This project is to be completed in 30 working days. It is estimated the work will start in January 2012 and be completed in February 2012.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT  
August 30, 2011

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0015662 – Arrow Highway Landscape Improvements, et al. (in the unincorporated communities of Citrus (Covina Islands) and Valinda), Supervisorial District 1

TYPE OF WORK: Landscaping of roadway medians including planting of trees, shrubs, and groundcover; planting of vines along the existing walls; construction of curb and gutter, curb ramps, sidewalk, and colored pavement; installation of drainage structures and an automatic irrigation system; and the performance of other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: May 31, 2011 (Agenda Item 53)

BID OPENING DATE: June 28, 2011

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Pima Corporation dba Advanced Construction 2001 South Barrington Avenue, Suite 312 Los Angeles, California 90025 (310) 231-7060	\$424,866.00
2	Mariposa Landscapes, Inc.	\$484,906.57
3	KASA Construction	\$485,643.00
4	Aramexx Construction	\$488,000.00
5	YAKAR	\$538,035.25

Sully-Miller Contracting Company submitted a bid in the amount of \$524,778, and Southland Construction submitted a bid in the amount of \$537,574; however, neither of these contractors possess the required California Class C27 contractor's license. Therefore, their bids were considered nonresponsive and were rejected as provided in the Instructions to Bidders.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$472,589.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$424,866.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 47,723.00

The amount of recommended contract is 10 percent below the estimate.

Financing for this project is included in the First Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Road Fund Budget. The Road Fund will be reimbursed with First Supervisorial District Funds in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Public Works General Fund Budget.

The estimated annual maintenance cost for the median landscaping is \$10,000. Maintenance of the vine planting will be performed by adjacent property owners. Sufficient appropriation will be included in the First Supervisorial District's Annual Road Construction Program to fund ongoing maintenance.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Pima Corporation has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On May 31, 2011, Agenda Item 53, your Board found this project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 40 working days. It is estimated the work will start in November 2011 and be completed in February 2012.

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